



NATIONAL KIDNEY
FOUNDATION®

of Illinois

**Walk for
Kidneys**

Event FAQ

Q. Covid Guidelines?

A. In conjunction with the Chicago Park district, the NKFI will follow the guidelines for the current phase according to the City's "Protecting Chicago" framework which can be found [here](#). The District strongly urges patrons to take precautions to protect their health and the safety of others while in their parks. Face coverings are required at all times, unless an exception is specified in the guidance.

Q. When is the Walk?

A. The Walk is June 12, 2022

Q. How can I participate in the walk?

1 Walk- 2 Ways to participate this year!

To protect the health and safety of all Walk for Kidneys participants this year, NKFI is offering 2 ways for supporters to participate:

1) Join us in-person at Diversey Harbor on Sunday, June 13 at 9am! - Enjoy the festivities and support the mission with COVID-19 precautions in place throughout the event

or

2) Join-us virtually on our Facebook and YouTube channels on Sunday, June 13 at 11am! - Enjoy the pre-recorded experience and walk where you are to support the fight against kidney disease. Follow us on Facebook and YouTube (maybe drop a link to NKFI's Facebook & YouTube Channels here?)

*****Nothing else has changed. Still create a team, fundraise, reach incentive levels ect. ONLY how you choose to attend the event has changed! *****

Q. How much is the registration fee?

A. There is no registration fee

Q. How can I register?

A. You can register online by [clicking here](#).

Q. What is included in registration?

- Fundraising challenges and milestones
- Access to filters and stickers for photos (coming soon!)
- Invitation to our Virtual Opening Ceremony
- Fun, downloadable activities for kids of all ages (coming soon!)

Q. How long is the Walk?

A. The Walk is typically 3 miles long. But you're welcome to walk as much or as little as is safe and comfortable for you. You can use this guide if you're ready to push yourself! Download a [free pedometer app](#) if you don't have a smart watch or pedometer.

- Warm Up Challenge: 2,000 Steps
- Walk for Kidneys Finisher: 6,000 Steps
- Double Distance Challenge: 12,000 Steps
- 1 Day Challenge: Track all steps for 1 day
- 5 Day Challenge: Track all steps for 5 days

Fundraising FAQ

Q. Does the Walk for Kidneys require fundraising?

A. You are not required to fundraise, but we do encourage all participants to fundraise. Just Imagine the IMPACT - If every Walk participant raises just \$100, we would bring in an additional \$50,000 to support local screening, treatment and educational programs in our community!

Q. How to maximize fundraising for the Walk for Kidneys?

A. Check out these tips to maximize your online fundraising:

1. Customize your participant fundraising center so everyone knows why you support the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois. Sharing your story is a big indicator of fundraising success, so make sure to share the link to your Walk page through social media and email.

2. Make sure you tell friends, family, and coworkers know you're walking. Make sure you invite your Facebook friends to your fundraising page and reshare often!

3. Get creative! We know you may need to change your fundraising plans, but now is a great time to be creative with how you'll hit your goal.

Q. Does the money raised benefit people in our community?

A. Funds raised by the Walk for Kidneys supports NKFI's mission of prevention, education and empowerment. Through your support, our neighbors will benefit from research discoveries, public policy advocacy and direct patient support services.

Q. What can I do if a check is written out to me personally?

A. If a donation check has been written out to you personally, you may endorse the back of the check and mail it in with a completed donation form to National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Q. Can I mail in a cash donation?

A. It is not a good idea to send a cash donation in the mail. You may drop off the cash at National Kidney Foundation of Illinois along with your information or you can deposit the cash into your checking account and send a personal check from your account.

Q. How quickly can I expect an online donation to post to my page?

A. Any donation made online should post immediately. If your donation does not post within 5 minutes, please contact National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Q. Where do I send donations?

A. You can mail donations to:

National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
215 W Illinois St, Ste 1C
Chicago, IL 60654

For donations on behalf of an individual participant or a team, please include that information with your check.

Q. Who should I make the check out to?

A. Please make all checks payable to: National Kidney Foundation of Illinois. Please make sure that in the memo it says Walk for Kidneys 2021 and who the donations should be credited to.

Q. Can I make a donation to a team?

A. Yes. You can make a donation to a Walker on a team or you can make a general team donation.

Q. How do I find a participant's personal fundraising webpage?

A. Click on the home page and begin typing the first or last name. Your options will display as you type.

Q. What happened if I check the checkbox to "cover processing fees"?

A. If you check this checkbox, you will be charged the amount indicated next to the checkbox. This amount will also be visible to the non-profit. However, on the fundraising page, your intended - initial donation amount will be displayed.

Q. Are donations tax-deductible?

A. All monetary donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Q. Do all donors who mail their donations receive a receipt?

A. Any donor who mailed their donation and provided an address will receive a receipt via mail once the donation has been processed. If you made your donation in installments, you will receive a receipt each time a monthly payment is processed.

Q. Do all donors who contribute online receive a receipt?

A. Yes, anyone who donates online, regardless of the amount, will receive a receipt via email.

Q. What is the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois Tax ID number?

A. A Tax ID number identifies National Kidney Foundation of Illinois as a 501(c)(3) non-profit Organization. The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois Tax ID number is 36-009226

Q. How do I add dedication when I make a donation?

A. When you make a donation online, you can designate what you want to appear as your recognition name on the participant's Honor Roll. This may be your name, or it could be something such as "From the whole Wolf family" or "in memory of Aunt Cathy."

Q. Is there a deadline for fundraising?

A. All donations on your behalf that are received by December 31st, 2022 will be credited to your fundraising total.

Q. When will I receive my fundraising incentives?

A. Your fundraising incentives are calculated based on the total fundraising dollars you have collected. Incentives are given out on event day Walk fundraising season, and you can expect to receive your prize approximately 30 days after the Walk.

Q. What are some ways I can fundraise for my team/my individual goal?

A. We have plenty of ideas on our [Fundraising Tips page](#)!